

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1527
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STD/ISD/PCO BOOTHS TO HANDICAPPED
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications pending with the Government for allotment of STD/ISD/PCO Booths under physically handicapped category in the country, State-wise and the date since when such applications are pending;
- (b) the details of norms for opening of STD/ISD/PCO Booths under this category; and
- (c) the time by when these pending cases are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, as on 30-06-2005 a total number of 196 STD/ISD PCOs and 752 Local PCOs applications are pending under physically handicapped category with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL). The state wise details of these applications and the date since when these applications are pending are given in the Annexure.

(b) PCOs are allotted liberally without any restriction to all applicants of 18 years of age or above subject to technical feasibility. However, where there is waiting list, 50% of the STD/ISD PCOs allotment is reserved for the following categories:

- (i) War Widows/ dependants.
- (ii) SC/STs
- (iii) Handicapped persons.
- (iv) Ex-Servicemen.

(c) In BSNL, the pending applications for PCOs are likely to be cleared by June 2006, progressively except in J&K where demand in some cases is scattered and not covered under the existing system.

In MTNL only one case is pending in Delhi due to applicant reasons.

Annexure

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS PENDING FOR ALLOTMENT OF STD/ISD/PCO BOOTHS UNDER PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CATEGORY

Sl. No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	Local PCOs	STD/ISD PCOs
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No. of applicati ons pending under Handicapp ed	Date of oldest applicat ion pending	No. of applicatio ns pending under Handicappe d category	Date of oldest applicati on pending
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category

1. Andaman & Nicobar	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
2. Andhra Pradesh	40	01.10.2002	6	05.02.2004
3. Assam	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
4. Bihar	7	19.11.2004	16	31.01.2005
5. Chhattisgarh	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
6. Gujarat	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
7 D & Nagar Haveli	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
8. Daman & Diu	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
9. Haryana	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
10 Himachal Pradesh	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
11 Jammu & Kashmir	16	15.04.2004	7	11.09.2001
12 Jharkhand	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
13 Karnataka	3	01.09.2003	Nil	N.A.
14 Kerala	152	25.08.2002	85	16.02.2002
15 Lakshadweep	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
16 Madhya Pradesh	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
17 Maharashtra	482	01.08.2003	7	15.07.2002
excluding MTNL, Mumbai				
18 Goa	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
19 Meghalaya	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
20 Mizoram	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
21 Tripura	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
22 Nagaland	13	25.02.2005	Nil	N.A.
23 Manipur	Nil	N.A.	41	25.05.1997
24 Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
25 Orissa	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
26 Punjab	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
including U/T of Chandigarh				
27 Rajasthan	1	18.08.2004	1	20.05.2002
28 Tamil Nadu	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
29 Pondicherry	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
30 Uttar Pradesh	7	20.05.2005	3	25.04.2003
31 Uttaranchal	1	08.01.2002	8	27.06.2002
32 West Bengal	30	07.01.2004	21	20.04.2004
33 Sikkim	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.
34 MTNL, Delhi	Nil	N.A.	1	18.06.2005
35 MTNL, Mumbai	Nil	N.A.	Nil	N.A.

TOTAL: 752 196